THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Doiwala is a roadside station situated on the Dehradun-Haridwar section of Northern Railway. At present, 4 pairs of Mail/Express and 2 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Doiwala which are considered sufficient for the passengers of that area. Both Shatabdi and Janshatabdi are two fast intercity Express trains connecting New Delhi with Dehradun, which have been provided very limited stoppages *en route*. Provision of any additional stoppage at Doiwala will slow down these trains which will be resented by the passengers of these popular services. At present, there is no proposal to provide stoppage to these trains at Doiwala.

Demonstration for rail facilities

2699. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the public, trade unions and others of Jaleswar railway station in Orissa have demonstrated for restoration of certain rail facilities relating to stoppage/extension of trains, induction of new trains, etc., to meet with their long standing demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the time-frame within which these facilities would be considered and restored;

(c) whether it is proposed to construct a rail line between Jaleswar and Digha; and

(d) if so, the status thereof indicating the time-frame within which it would be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A rail roko agitation was organized on 29.08.2005 by the member of Jaleswar Merchant's Association in support of their demands for stoppage of trains and introduction of trains etc.

The list of demands are as under:—

(1) Stoppages of 2815/2816 New Delhi-Puri Express, 2863/2864 Howrah-

Yeshvantpur Express and 2703/2704 Howrah-Secunderabad Falaknuma Express and others at Jaleswar.

(2) Diversion of 203/204 Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar Fast Passenger via Cuttack.

(3) Introduction of new train from Kharagpur to Bhadrak.

(4) Introduction of 2891/2892 Baripada-Bhubaneswar Express.

(5) Attachment of more coaches to 203/204 Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar Fast Passenger.

Following services/facilities have been provided/proposed to be provided in Jaleswar area:—

(1) Stoppage of 2819/2820 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Orissa Sampark Kranti Express have been provided at Jaleswar from 01.02.2006.

(2) It has been announced in Railway Budget to introduce 2891/2892 Bhubaneswar-Baripada Express during 2006-07.

(3) 203/204 Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar Fast Passenger has been augmented by one General second class coach from 29.08.2006.

Regarding other items, the matters have been examined but not found feasible at present.

(c) A survey has been taken up for new line between Jaleswar and Digha.

(d) No time-frame is feasible to be given as it is not a sanctioned project.

Gauge conversion of Nuapada and Gunupur

2700. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J.P. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of 92 kms. narrow guage between Nuapada and Gunupur, in Orissa, though conceived long back, is yet to be completed;

(b) if so, what is holding up the progress of this project; and